

Argyle Building (The Sheffield)
390 Massachusetts Avenue
Boston
Suffolk County
Massachusetts

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Suffolk	TOWN OR VICINITY Boston
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Argyle Building		HABS NO. MA-1111
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE The Sheffield		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 390 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1885	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This building has a unique design and ornamentation . It is included in the South End Historic District.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Red brick with stone belts and lintels		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Original building: six stories tall, 64' x 90' Addition: four stories, 20' x 90'		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE A broad band tops the full length of the store front. Ornamentation includes asymmetrical bay windows, stone-segmental arched lintels, corbelling, a palladian-type window and panels of decorative brick.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1910 -- Addition 1954 -- first floor altered to house night club		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The documentation for this structure was prepared by the Dept. of Transportation in compliance with Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register		
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